



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Shawano County



County characteristics

- 893 sq. mi.
- Lands: Eastern 1/3 of county mostly agricultural with forested wetlands, mid-section is agricultural with forested river corridors and hills, west 1/3 is forested with numerous exposed boulders
- Waters: Cold and warm-water streams, 136 lakes and mill ponds including 6,000 + acre Shawano Lake, 168 streams including the headwaters of high quality trout streams and the Wolf, Embarrass, Red and Shioc Rivers.
- Trends: County is experiencing rapid residential growth in the eastern portion due to proximity of Green Bay and Fox River Valley
- Approximately 41,200 residents live in Shawano County



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- Almost 15,000 acres of state land including Navarino Wildlife Area, fisheries areas, and Jung Hemlock-Beech Forest (State Natural Area)

Locate DNR properties at:

http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist; 2 Wildlife Technicians (1 vacant)
- 1 Fisheries Biologist; 1 Fisheries Technician
- 2 Conservation Wardens (1 vacant)
- **Shawano office:** 647 Lakeland Rd, 54166
- Staff also serves portions of Oconto, Outagamie, Menominee, and Waupaca Counties
- **Navarino Office:** W5682 Lindsten Rd, Shiocton

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Restore, establish and maintain forest, grassland and wetland habitat for a variety of wildlife species, especially ruffed grouse, woodcock, turkey, and waterfowl
- Established the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area. This landscape scale project will preserve and restore habitat along the Wolf and Embarrass Rivers and connect existing state lands along the corridor through acquisition and partnerships with conservation groups
- Assist with youth hunts, outdoor skills events, fish derbies, 4-H Shooting Sports, "Buck Fever Night," and "J&H Youth and Ladies Day."
- Warden patrols over 8,900 acres of lakes, Mountain Bay & WIOUWASH State Trails, over 200 miles of snowmobile trails, and investigated 7 recreational accidents in 2004.
- Band waterfowl on Navarino Wildlife Area.

Activities continued...



- Monitor fish populations in lakes and streams including trout, walleye, northern pike, sturgeon, flathead catfish, and panfish. Assessments are critical for making management decisions relating to regulations, habitat, protection/restoration, and stocking.
- Manage DNR land by posting public hunting, access sites and 1,000 acre waterfowl closed area, build and maintain parking areas, trails, and buildings.
- Monitor local wildlife populations of ducks, geese, grouse, woodcock, turkeys, mourning doves, deer, bear, rails, furbearers, eagles, osprey, trumpeter swans, and songbirds
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints, administer the agricultural wildlife damage program, and monitor fish and wildlife diseases including CWD, West Nile Virus, and an exotic trematode in Shawano Lake.
- Restore and enhance fish habitat on lakes and streams.
- Evaluate proposed projects for environmental impacts, work to keep habitats intact and functional for fish and wildlife.
- Provide educational programs for schools and conservation groups, hunter and trapper education, radio shows, field tours, teacher workshops that reach over 3,000 people annually.

Shawano County Conservation Snapshots

- 31** Boat Launch Access Sites
- 16** ALIS Agents Supported
- 270+** Reported Complaints
- 8** Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations

Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- Musky, walleye, and trout stocking in area lakes and streams
- Over 1,000 mallards and wood ducks banded in the past 5 years
- 6 Day-old chick clubs that stock over 4,000 pheasants annually

County Success Stories

- Thousands of acres of habitat have been restored and preserved. This was accomplished through the joint efforts of the DNR, various government agencies, non-profit conservation groups, and local citizens.
- Navarino Wildlife Area is the third largest wildlife area in Wisconsin.



Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
 - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management